

Post War Trust Fund
Campaign Committee Meeting
Comfort Inn, Bismarck, ND
April 26, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Earl Redlin.
Members present were:

Earl Redlin	Chairman
Emerson Murry	American Legion
Leo Swenson	American Legion
Jim Ziegler	VVA
Bernie Meister	VFW
Mel Felchle	VFW
Joe Novak	DAV

Members absent were:

Duke Ellingson	DAV
Dave Erbstoesser	AMVETS
Gayle Syverson	AMVETS
Daryl Kuhnhenh	VVA

Question was raised as to who was chairman of the Sponsoring Committee.
Response was Jerome Berg, President of the Veterans Coordinating Council, is
Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee.

Discussion turned to wording of the initiated measure. Novak asked if the
wording as it is now would permit the Legislature to direct the Administrative
Committee as to the programs for which the income could be spent. Emerson
Murry responded that could happen if the Legislature "used a back door
approach, which is not likely to happen."

Discussion then turned to wording of the ballot title. A minor change was
made to add the word "fund" as the fourth word in the second sentence to make
clear the ballot related to the Post War Trust Fund. The committee was
informed the title and petition and initiated measure were appropriate and
that everything had been covered. Motion by Leo Swenson, second by Bernie
Meister that the initiated measure and ballot title be approved. Motion
passed unanimously.

The question of how many petitions to print and how they should be distributed
was raised. After much discussion it was suggested by Chairman Redlin that we
print enough petitions and send a sufficient number to each veterans
organization so they could distribute to their Posts one petition for each ten
members in that Post. It was agreed a sufficient number of petitions should
be printed so any one who wanted one could have one.

Mr. Novak suggested envelopes be purchased and pre-printed with a return
address, with an envelope attached to each petition. This would facilitate
return of the petitions. After much discussion Joe Novak volunteered use of
his Bismarck mail box for return of completed petitions.

After further discussion it was agreed the printed petitions and envelopes would be sent to the Department Adjutants, with the exception of the VVA. These would be sent to Jim Zeigler.

Emerson Murry raised the question of instructions to the Department Adjutants on the petition. It was agreed the Chairman, Earl Redlin, would develop this letter. The letter would include a statement of purpose for use of the fund. This statement was developed by the committee. The letter would instruct the Adjutants to send the petitions to a specific person in the local Post, who would be responsible for the petitions at that level. The Department Adjutant would be responsible for keeping in touch with these persons so they could keep the committee informed of progress in getting the petitions completed.

Emerson Murry questioned where the funds would come from for printing and envelopes. Chairman Redlin stated the Veterans Coordinating Council had approved this campaign and had committed funds for this purpose.

Joe Novak offered a motion that Bernie Meister take charge of the printing. Not less than 5,000 petitions are to be printed. There is to be one envelope and one instruction sheet with each petition. Motion seconded by Jim Ziegler and carried unanimously. Mel Felchle is to work with Bernie on printing.

Printed materials are to be distributed to the Adjutants by the printer. The bill for printing is to be sent to Ray Stelmachuk, Treasurer of the Veterans Coordinating Council. Completed petitions are to be returned to: Veterans Coordinating Council, Box 2716, Bismarck, ND 58502. All petitions are to be returned by July 1, 1988. Deadline for filing is August 10, 1988. Fifteen thousand signatures are needed.

Bernie Meister raised the issue of informing the veterans of this initiated measure campaign and suggested a member of this committee explain the petition drive at each of the conventions. Chairman Redlin will do this at the VFW and American Legion conventions. Jim Ziegler will take care of this at the VVA picnic, and Bill Williamson at the DAV convention. Gayle Severson or Dave Erbstoesser could do this at the AMVETS convention.

Discussion turned to the next meeting date for this committee. It was agreed the next meeting would be held on Monday, MAY 23 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting place will be the ground floor conference room of Job Service North Dakota, 1000 E. Divide, in Bismarck. Specific topics to be discussed are: 1. Status of petition drive, 2. Mechanics of Publicity Campaign, and anything else of importance to the campaign. Chairman Redlin reminded the members there was to be NO PUBLICITY on this campaign until the appropriate time.

There being no further business, Jim Ziegler offered a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Emerson Murry, and carried.

Attachment: Statement of Purpose and Sponsoring Committee

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The 1981 legislative session approved and created a Veterans Post-war Trust Fund from money left over after the Vietnam bonus was paid. The fund was set at approximately 4.1 million. The general provision of the fund stated:

"The Veterans Post-war Trust Fund shall consist of money transferred or credited to the fund pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and of other laws. The fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in legal investments and all income received on the investments is to be utilized in benefit and service to veterans or their dependents as determined and appropriated by the legislative assembly."

The fund has been law since 1981 and the income or interest earned has been used for benefit to Veterans as provided by the Post-war Trust Fund.

During the 1987 legislative session the principal of the fund was reduced by approximately 3.7 million and the money used for other purposes.

Therefore, the Veteran organizations of our state have unanimously agreed to go to the people of our state by way of an initiated measure at the 1988 general election.

Our Statement of Purpose which we hope to bring to every voter is as follows:

"Because of the special needs of younger veterans and a rapidly increasing aging veterans population, coupled with reduced federal resources and services to meet these needs, the state Veterans Post-war Trust Fund must be restored to assist in meeting at least some of these needs."

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INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Secretary of State, State of North Dakota
WE, the undersigned, being qualified electors request the
following initiated law be placed on the ballot as provided
by law.

SPONSORING COMMITTEE

The following are the names and addresses of the qualified
electors of the State of North Dakota who, as the sponsoring
committee for the petitioners, represent and act for the
petitioners in accordance with law:

(Insert names from attached list)

BALLOT TITLE

The proposed initiative measure would establish the
veterans' postwar trust fund as a permanent trust fund,
transfer \$3.7 million over five years from the state's
general fund or other sources to the trust fund so as to
approximate the fund's original balance in 1981, appropriate
the income from the fund for programs to meet the needs of
veterans and their dependents, and provide for the
investment of the fund.

FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

IF MATERIAL IS UNDERSCORED, IT IS NEW MATERIAL WHICH IS
BEING ADDED. IF MATERIAL IS OVERSTRUCK BY DASHES, THE
MATERIAL IS BEING DELETED. IF NO MATERIAL IS UNDERSCORED OR
OVERSTRUCK, THE MEASURE CONTAINS ALL NEW MATERIAL WHICH IS
BEING ADDED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

SECTION I.

37-14-14. Veterans' Postwar Trust Fund.

The veterans' postwar trust fund shall be a permanent trust fund of the State of North Dakota and shall consist of moneys transferred or credited to the fund, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and of other laws. The fund must be invested by the state treasurer in legal investments authorized by section 15-03-04. Investment of the fund shall be the responsibility of the State Treasurer who shall have full authority to invest the fund only in those legal investments authorized by Section 21-10-07. The fund and all All income received on from the investments is are to be utilized in only for programs of benefit and service to veterans as defined in section 37-01-40, or their dependents, as determined and appropriated by the legislative assembly, and such income is hereby appropriated to the administrative committee on veterans' affairs on a continuing basis for expenditure upon such programs as authorized by law.

SECTION II.

In order to provide for the increasing needs of veterans and their dependents and to restore the veterans' postwar trust fund's principal balance to it's original level as established by the 1981 legislative assembly, the state treasurer shall transfer to the veterans' postwar trust fund on July 1 of each year or as soon thereafter as possible, for 5 successive years commencing on July 1, 1989, the sum of \$740,000 from the state's general fund or from such other sources as appropriated by the legislative assembly until a total of \$3,700,000 has been transferred.